

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



OF THE APPLICATION OF:

NARENDRA S. YADAV

CASE CL1127 US CIP 1
NO.:

APPLICATION NO.: 09/715294

CONFIRMATION NO.: 5868

GROUP ART UNIT: 1638

EXAMINER: MEHTA, A

FILED: NOVEMBER 17, 2000

FOR: HERITABLE VIRAL EXPRESSION SYSTEM IN PLANTS

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Non-Final Office Action dated February 17, 2004.

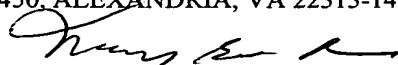
This response and amendment is filed outside the shortened three month statutory period for response. A request for a three month extension of time, including the appropriate fee accompanies this response.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof. Please amend the application as follows:

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